



BLUE BOLT FLASHES

The Editors Write:

Hi, gang!!

May again and time to prepare for the summer months
of sailing, swimming, tennis
and such. How did you all
make out in school this semester? Can you rest leisurely on
your laurels these coming funfilled months, or will there be
a worry or two about second
year French or that tricky
Geometry? Did you breeze
through English and Gym class,
and find everything else sort of
complicated? But enough of
our school problems.

Our lead story, Dick Cole, is different this trip and we'd like your opinion on the artist's new technique. We think it has more depth and more appeal, but the decision is up to you. Krisko and Jasper really get into a dilly of a mess. We certainly hope Bettie Jo Penick finds them amusing. Blue Bolt is doing right well as a civilian, too. He almost gets into more trouble now than he did with the war to tangle him up. Jerry and Sergeant Spook barely ease out of a tight spot while Edison Bell cooks up an ingenious plan to teach a spoiled rival a lesson . . .

Happy holiday, gang!

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS

The Readers Write:

Dear Editors:

I think your magazine is very enjoyable. My favorites are Dick Cole, Sergeant Spook and the Fearless Fellers. I think they are tops. Your Q's and A's are different and interesting also. The name BLUE BOLT fits this magazine to a "T".

A faithful reader, Pauline Vanasse New Bedford, Mass.

Hope your three favorites suit you to a "T" this issue, Pauline!

Dear Editors:

I like BLUE BOLT comics very much. My favorites are Dick Cole and Edison Bell and Fearless Fellers. Next on my list are Blue Bolt and Sergeant Spook. I don't care for Old Cap Hawkins True Tales or Krisko and Jasper. By the way, I like to read Blue Bolt Flashes and the O's and A's.

Keep up the good work, Editors. Your book is swell.

> Yours sincerely, Bettie Jo Penick Louisville, Kentucky

We've an idea you'll get a kick out of Krisko and Jasper this issue, Bettie. How about it?

Dear Editors:

I am twelve years old today, and I have just finished reading the BLUE BOLT comic book. I enjoyed it very much. I like best of all Dick Cole and Sergeant Spook and Jerry. I must say Blue Bolt the American is very good too.

The rest of the book is very interesting also, but it seems to me that you need more girls in the Blue Bolt comic book.

> A true reader, Meredith Siler Banning, California

You and Bethany Saunders certainly seem to agree, Meredith. We'll try to please you both.

Dear Editors:

Although it seems that there's a new comic magazine on the news-

stand every time I go there, BLUE BOLT remains my favorite.

I'd as soon miss a meal as to fail meeting Dick Cole, Jasper, Edison Bell and the rest of the gang every month. And just between us, I'm always first at the table!

> Yours sincerely, Carl Pennington, Jr. Jacksonville 5, Florida

Thanks for the orchids, Carl!
Mighty glad BLUE BOLT is such
a hit!

Dear Editors:

Every time there's a new issue of BLUE BOLT out, I am right there to buy it. I think Dick Cole is swell and so are the other characters. However, I have one criticism in your April issue of BLUE BOLT. Laura who likes Dick Cole was drawn very funny. She did not look pretty at all. I hope you will make her better next time. But still your magazine is still tops and will always be.

Your Q's and A's are swell and are lots of fun. You are doing a swell job. Continue your good work.

A faithful reader,

Joseph Rigolio Paterson, N. J.

Laura doesn't take this trip with the boys, Joseph, but next issue here's hoping you think her more attractive!

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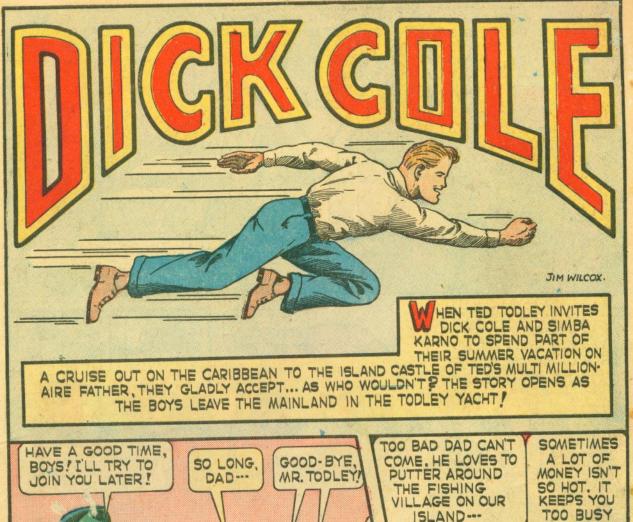
I have followed your comics for five years and I am proud to say there are none better. Although many changes have been made since then, all have been made in usefulness to your magazine. I have only one hope in which to ask improvement and that is, please have more girls.

Thank you for your kind and prompt attention.

A faithful reader, Bethany Saunders Fort Knox, Kentucky

More girls there shall be, Bethany!!!

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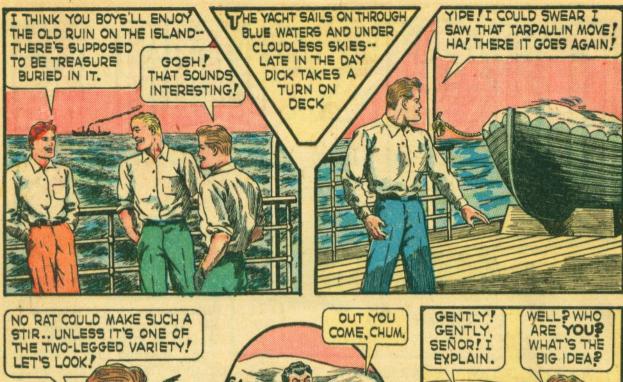
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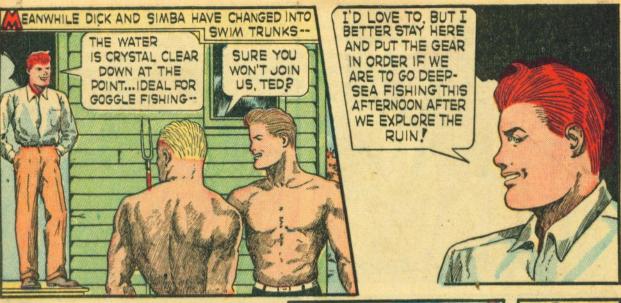
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Yes. LIFEBOAT, directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Namsu V



QUESTION Does an octopus have six or eight arms?







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HIS HENCHMEN
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THE OCTOPUS
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CART AND
TRUNDLED
THEIR LOAD
TO THE BEACH
SOME YARDS
ABOVE THE
UNSUSPECTING
BOYS.





THE OCTOPUS RELEASED, THE THREE







QUESTION Does an octopus have teeth?













RICARDO AND TWO MEN TIED
ME UP AND TOOK THE KEY
TO THE RUIN-WHAT FOR, I
DON'T KNOW-SO WE'LL GO
TO THE RUIN AND FIND OUT!
GAME TO? OKAY! THEN
LET'S GO!









YOUR FATHER BUY THEES ISLAND, WHEN HARD TIME FORCE US TO SELL. AND THEN, EEN OLD FAMILY PAPERS, I FINE MY ANCESTOR HAS HIDDEN TREASURE IN THEES RUIN, THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!



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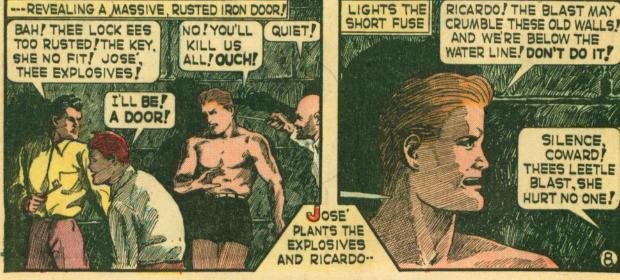
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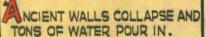
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Question Is iron made from steel or steel from iron?













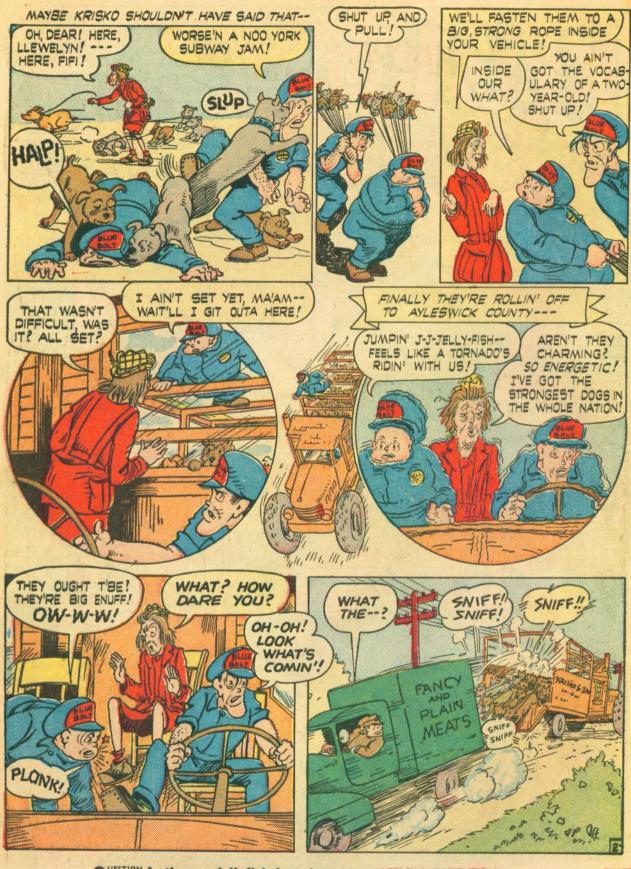




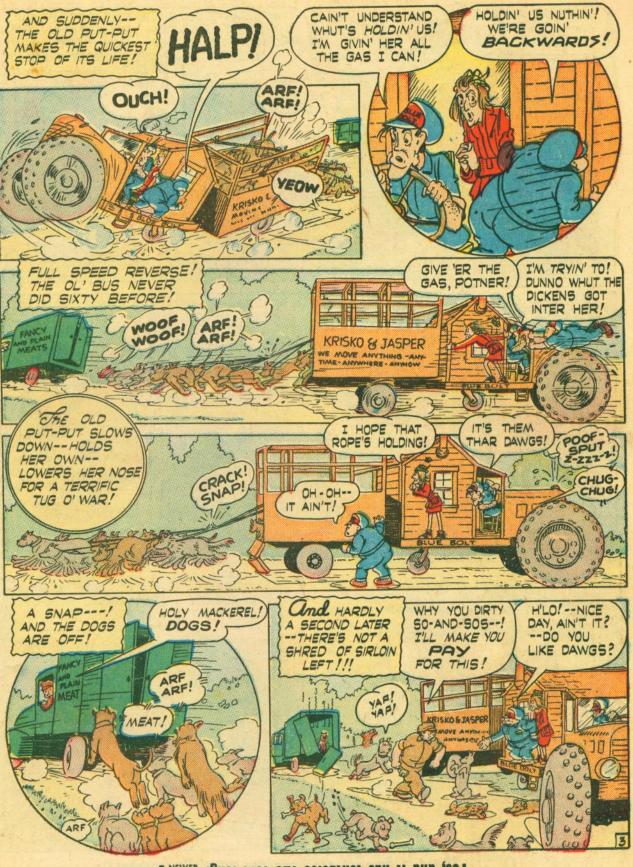




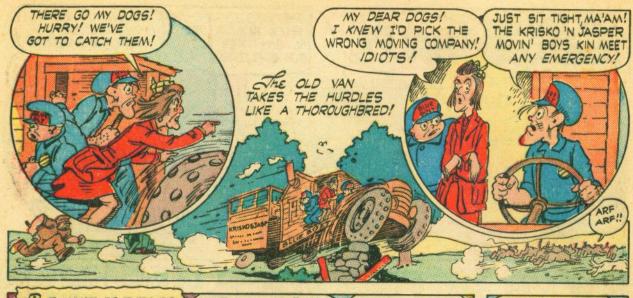
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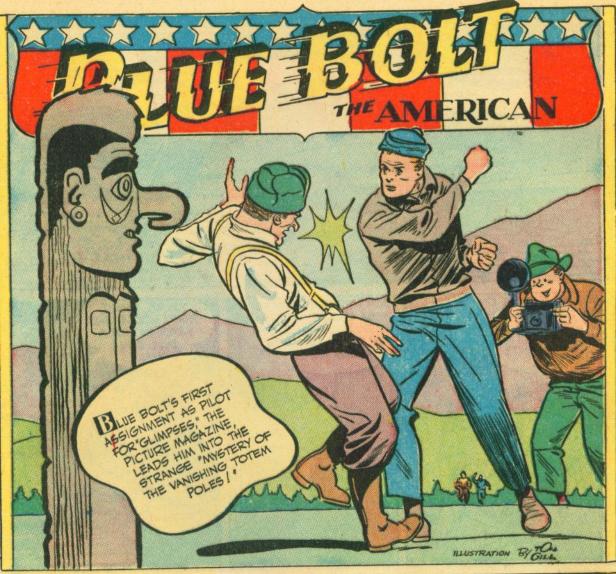




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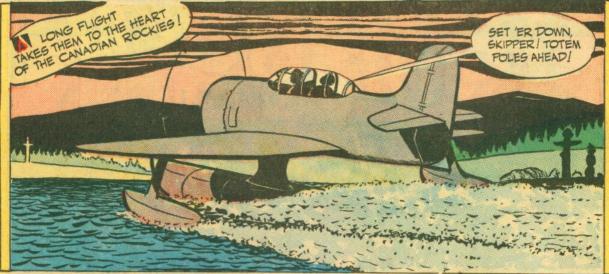


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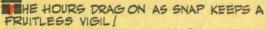
















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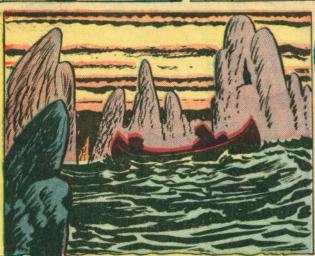










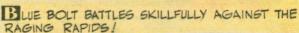


THE PIERCE DEVIL CHUCKLE RAPIDS RIP AT THE UNMANNED CANOE!



OW! MY HEAD! I FEEL AS IF I'M BOUNCING UP







QUESTION What is the difference between rapids and waterfalls?















Rapids are a drop in a river less abrupt than a waterfall. "S'NEW W



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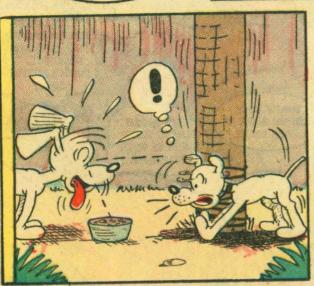










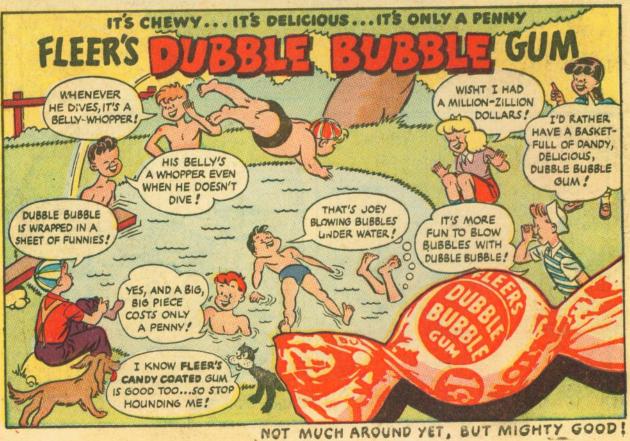


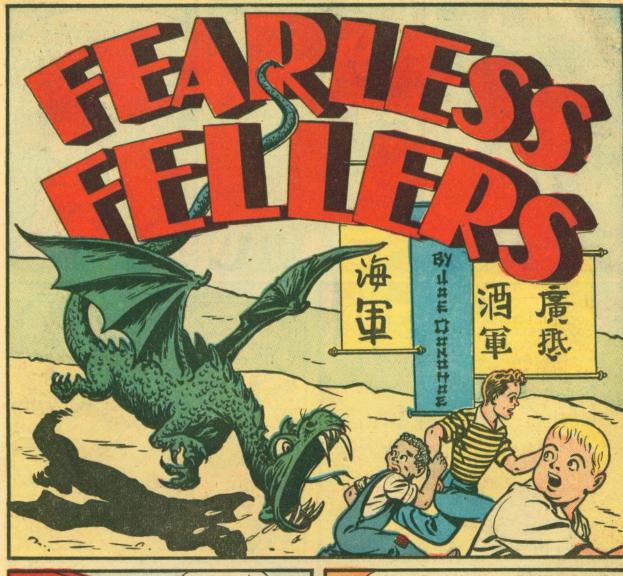


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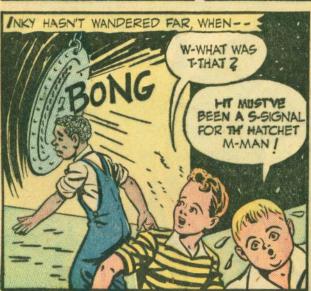


















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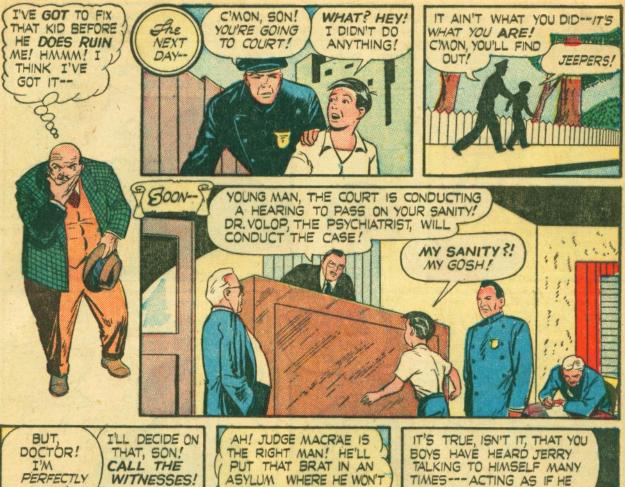




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QUESTION What word on this page is the same spelled backwards?









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QUESTION In panel one what word is misspelled?















"Defendant" is the correct spelling. "Inshers W"















QUESTION Is rubber the bark or the sap of the rubber tree?

YOU'LL GET AT LEAST TWENTY --- AS FOR YOU, LET ME SAY ! YEARS, BATTLEFLEA! ALL YOUR WHETHER YOU HAVE HALLUCINATIONS GRAFTING LANDED YOU RIGHT OR NOT, YOUNG MAN, IS UNIMPORTANT, IN PRISON! 50 LONG AS YOUR VISIONS TURN OUT THIS WELL FOR THE POOR BATTLEFLEA! HE COMMUNITY! DIDN'T HAVE A "GHOST" OF A CHANCE ONCE HE PICKED ON JERRY! CA Rubber is obtained from the milky substance of the rubber tree. EFT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE STANDARY







JERRY ASKS FOR A PORTABLE VICTROLA, AND PLAYS HIS RECORD-

OUR RACKETS, &

GREAT SCOTT!

BATTLEFLEA---

HERE'S

BEEN

WHAT I'VE

HEARING!

DEATH FALL

As Sheriff George Gare left the telephone, his wife called sleepily to him from the bedroom, "What is it now, George? Ain't you going to bed?"

"Trouble at the State Fair. They said to get right

over!"

The State Fair, most old timers vowed, used to be a place where the prize hog got the attention it deserved. Yet, the modern paying public was packing the casino near the race track to see Fern Danton, the beautiful young comedienne, go through her song-and-dance act, with her partner, Sam Wright, trapeze artist and comedy tumbler.

At that moment, however, 12:30 in the morning, Fern Danton was putting on a special act of her own for Roger Cashin, her guardian, and contrary to the public's almost unanimous acceptance of Fern Danton, Cashin was not an appreciative audience.

"So you told Leon Haymes you're quitting!" the guardian snorted con-

temptuously.

Fern Danton shrugged her graceful shoulders. "It's my birthday, sweet," she said demurely. "I became of age a half hour ago. Now you haven't any strings on me any more!"

"If your father—" he be-

gan acidly.

"You thief!" she cried. "Daddy trusted you! On his dying bed he made you my guardian. He put me, a grief-stricken kid in your care! Since then you've ex-

ploited, for your own profit, what talent I have! You've placed me under contract to Haymes; you've forced me into miserable one-night stands! And you've taken all my earnings! So, Roger, I'm through!"

The very tenseness of Cashin's hatred made him

calm.

"Let me put you straight, sister," he sneered. "You're not running out on the show!" His fingers reached deftly into his coat pocket and drew out a small revolver. "Get to your room," he ordered slowly, distinctly.

Frightened, the girl gasped and ran from the room.

Fern Danton, instead of going to her room, stole cautiously outside. She ran toward the race track, and, as she hurried along, she saw the crouching form of Sam Wright, her partner, behind the judge's stand.

"Fern!" he whispered.
"You told them you were through?"

She nodded. "I'm scared, Sam. Roger Cashin threat-

ened to kill me!"

Sam Wright laughed. "Oh, yeah?" he said, but caught his breath suddenly. A nickel-plated revolver, in Roger Cashin's hand, gleamed just a few feet away from them.

"So that's it!" Cashin's voice rasped vengefully. "A love tryst! And as nice a double-cross as I ever hope to see!" He raised the revolver and aimed. His finger tightened on the trigger.

A short cry escaped Fern Danton's lips. But, as if a spring had been released in Wright's legs, he sprang forward. Roger Cashin's body rose into the air, fell to the ground. Cashin groaned and then grew quiet.

"He's out cold," Wright said. "Lucky for us he forgot to release the safety. I'll take his gun in case he gets any more ideas. Let's go,

Fern!

"Yes, let's," Fern Danton said. "But where?"

"I've got a spot for us with the Big Top. There are no busses running now, but we can hitch-hike!"

Fern Danton and Sam Wright sat wearily in the rear seat of the car, as the miles droned over the highway. The driver of the car called back to them, "Will it bother you two if I turn on the radio?"

"Not at all," echoed Wright drowsily.

Static and the car's motion made reception bad, but there was no mistaking the awful import of the news: "A state-wide search is going on for the two members of the Haymes Shows, who, according to Owner Leon Haymes, early this morning, murdered Roger Cashin, guardian and manager of one of the escaped killers. The two accused murderers Fern Danton and Sam Wright—"

Her voice trembling, Fern Danton whispered, "Oh, Sam!"

"When the driver stops for the red light ahead," Wright said, "we're getting out!" On the road they stood uncertainly and watched the tail light of the car disappear.

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By noon the day had become a scorcher. Sheriff Gare, who had worked through without sleep, mopped his brow and wearily

entered the office of Leon

Haymes.

"There's nary a trace of the two," he said balefully.

"You'd better get everybody here right away, — every last member. I want

to get on with some ques-

tions."

Haymes looked annoyed. He was a massive man, with thick features, large bony hands. He shifted clumsily in his chair. "I'd say showing you Cashin's note, with Sam Wright's name scrawled on it was good enough evidence."

"Maybe it is," admitted Gare, "but evidence is a lot of little things pieced together, and if you'll call in the folks, *I'll* do the piecing."

Haymes shrugged and phoned the stage manager.

"—Even that old fortune

teller we hired this morning and her half-witted son," he ordered bitterly. "She couldn't have had anything to do with it, but the sheriff said

everybody."

The crowded room was small; the company perspired freely. Sheriff Gare paced the floor before the assembled gathering.

"Now let's have the story, Mr. Haymes. Just like you've told me already."

Haymes sighed. "Well," he snapped impatiently, "early this morning, after the show closed, I was crossing the grounds from the Casino to my quarters. I heard a groan and found Cashin on the ground. He handed me a

note with the word, 'Sam', scrawled on it. Then he died."

"With a broken cervical vertebra," Gare added sol-

emnly.

Haymes said sourly, "It would help you if you'd find the two runaway killers, instead of holding us here like a bunch of kids after school."

"Perhaps I should at

that," Gare answered. He walked slowly toward the newcomers to the show, the old woman and her son, who were sitting quietly near the door. He yanked the wig from the old woman's head and revealed Fern Danton's heavy golden braids. The voices in the room rose in awed unison.

"You kids pulled a pretty fast one," Gare said, "but your grease paint's running all over the lot in this heat."

Wright nodded with resignation. "You win, Sheriff. Fern had nothing to do with Cashin's murder. In fact, I didn't mean to kill him myself."

"You didn't," said Gare quietly. "Haymes killed Cashin."

"Liar!" Haymes shrieked.
"I'd have no reason to kill
Cashin!"

"Sheriff, he's got a darn good reason!" Fern Danton offered explosively. "Cashin sold the show to Leon Haymes and was collecting almost all Haymes made! I should know; I was part of the property!"

"I'm told the show will fold with you out of it," Gare said.

"Besides that," Fern add-

ed, "there was a clause in the contract that cancelled the debt at Cashin's death! So if Sam could be convicted of Cashin's murder, Haymes would save a lot of money!"

"All right, you! All of you!"

Haymes, holding an ugly

automatic, glared murderously at the sheriff.

"Before I pull out of here, you meddlers are going to

get it! See if you can figure that one out!"

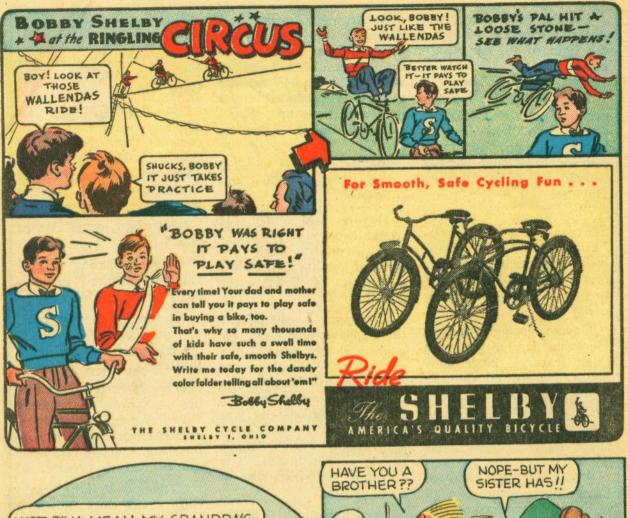
Haymes, even though facing the crowd, missed Sam Wright's panther-like movements, as he sprang across the room. Too late Haymes's

"Thanks, Wright," said Gare. "Nice work. When he comes to we'll have him shackled."

gun blasted, firing wild.

"Thank you, Sheriff Gare!" cried Fern Danton. "I see how you could have guessed our disguise, but what ever made you think Leon Haymes was the murderer?"

Gare cleared his throat. "Well, of course, I took a chance. And those big paws of Haymes's could have broken Cashin's neck. Haymes lied to me and I don't trust liars. Haymes said Cashin had handed him a note accusing Sam Wright. But any horse doctor knows an animal with a broken neck can move nary a limb."



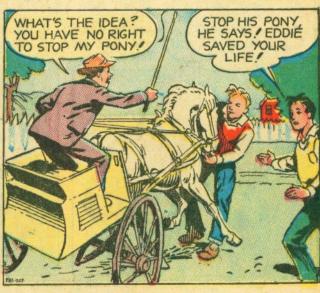




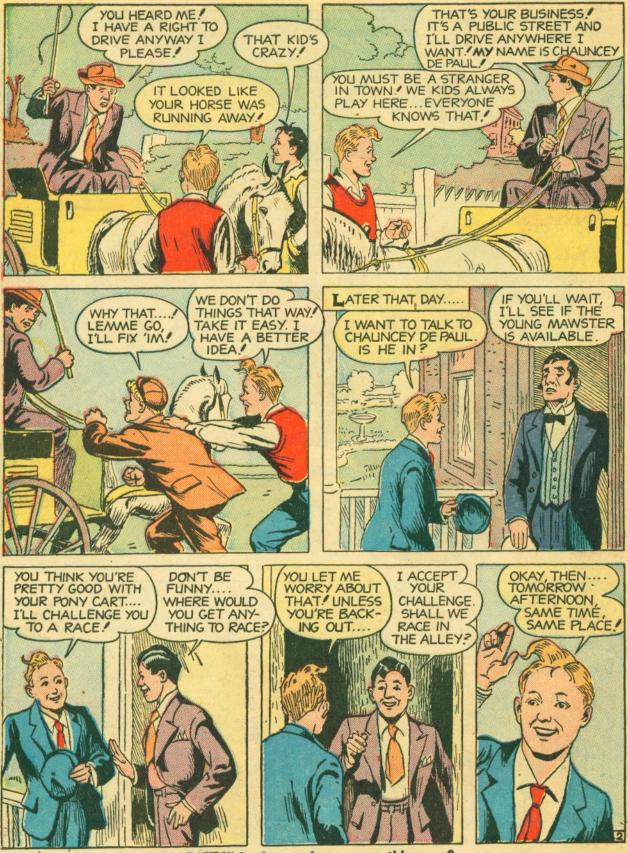








HUMDINGER-THE LAST WORD IN NEW COMIC ENJOYMENT



Question Is there a harness on this page?



Yes. The horse's reins and collar are a part of the harness. "Banksu V













QUESTION In what novel does an exciting chariot race play a large part?"











In BEN HUR by Wallace. 121 W. W.

TOY CHARJOIT

PUSH TOY WITH GALLOPING HORSE EASY TO MAKE.

THE SCALED DIAGRAM BELOW MAY BE ENLARGED TO WHATEVER SIZE YOU CARE TO MAKE IT. WHEN YOU'VE DRAWN OUT THE EXACT NUMBER OF SQUARES ON THE PIECE OF WOOD YOU INTEND CUTTING THE HORSE AND CHARIOT FROM, SKETCH IN ALL THE HEAVY LINES THAT YOU SEE BELOW BOX BY BOX NOW, JIG SAW THE HORSE, THE SMALL WHEEL TWO LARGE WHEELS AND THE TWO CHARIOT SIDES. THE PICTURE AT THE RIGHT SHOWS HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE PIECES. THE DOTTED LINES BELOW SHOW WHERE THE CONNECTING STICKS GO.

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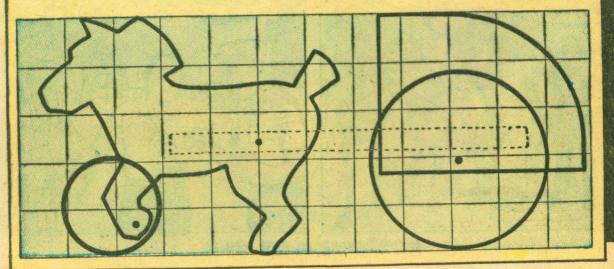
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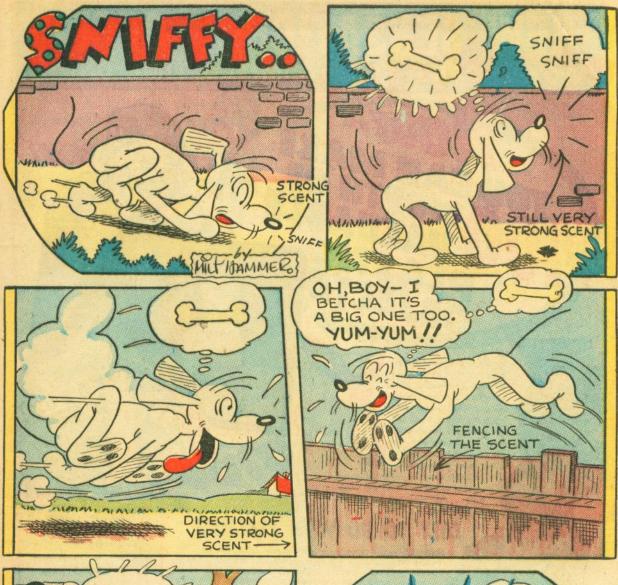
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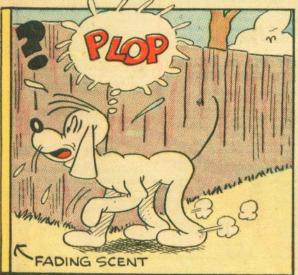
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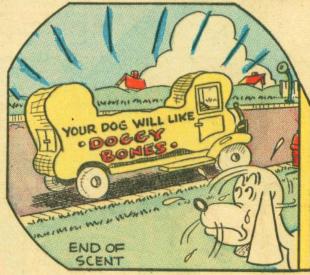
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143 Large center simulated

diamond with smaller stones

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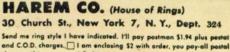
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Wedding Band Set with spackling simulated diamonds. White or yellow gold color effect mounting, or sterling silves.





32a Men's Military Bing-

Solid Sterling Silver - Massive

3Ba Lodies' Solitaire Ring. Center stone is genu-ine diamond chip. Solid Sterling Silver mounting.



30 Superkling simulated diamends White gold color el-



440 Men's Wedding Ring Yellow or white gold color effect or starting silver



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